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SUBJECT: U.S.-SAUDI JOINT COM;SSION--HOUSING

REF: (A) STATE 140872, (B) JIDDA 4364

1. USG PREPARED TO SEND SIX-MAN TEAM TO DISCUSS SAUDI  
HOUSING REQUIREMENTS, POSSIBLE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ARRANGE-  
MENTS, AND U.S. INDUSTRY CAPABILITIES WITH SAG. WE PROPOSE  
FIVE DAYS OF MEETINGS PREFERABLY JULY 19-23 OR DURING  
AUGUST. PROGRAM OF MEETINGS TO INCLUDE BOTH ABA AL-KHAYL  
AND KHALLAF, AS WELL AS THE REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT FUND,  
CPO, COE, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF SAUDI CONSTRUCTION INDUS-  
TRY. IMMEDIATE OBJECTIVES OF TEAM VISIT IS TO DETERMINE  
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CURRENT STATUS OF SAUDI PLANS AND TO PRESENT RANGE OF  
POSSIBILITIES FOR IMPLEMENTATION. TEAM WILL REPORT TO USG  
AND PRIVATE INDUSTRY FOLLOWING VISIT. THEREAFTER, USG SIDE  
OF JOINT COMMISSION MAY PROPOSE ACTIVITIES UNDER TCA AND

WILL FACILITATE PRIVATE INDUSTRY PARTICIPATION IN DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, AND MANAGEMENT OF HOUSING PROGRAM.

2. TENTATIVE TEAM MEMBERSHIP AS FOLLOWS:

- A) FRANK A. OCWIEJA, SAUDI ARABIA COUNTRY SPECIALIST,  
-- CAGNE, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
- B) JOHN NESVIG, BUREAU OF ECONOMIC AND BUSINESS  
-- AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENT OF STATE
- C) REPRESENTATIVE OF OFFICE OF HOUSING, AID
- D) REPRESENTATIVE OF OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS,  
-- DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
- E) THOMAS R. ARNOLD, PRESIDENT, T.R. ARNOLD AND  
-- ASSOCIATES AND REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NATIONAL  
-- ASSOCIATION OF BUILDING MANUFACTURERS
- F) WILLIAM H. HOFFMAN, VICE PRESIDENT, NATIONAL  
-- CORPORATION FOR HOUSING PARTNERSHIPS AND REPRESENTATIVE  
-- OF NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF HOME BUILDERS

3. FURTHER BACKGROUND ON TECHNICAL MEMBERS OF TEAM:

(A) AID OFFICE OF HOUSING, (SER/H) PROVIDES TECHNICAL SUPPORT FOR AID SHELTER SECTOR ACTIVITIES WORLDWIDE. SER/H EMPHASIZES A SHELTER SECTOR STRATEGY INTENDED TO ASSIST IN THE CREATION OF NATIONAL HOUSING POLICIES, FROM CONCEPTUAL PLANNING THROUGH PROJECT PLANNING, IMPLEMENTATION, AND MANAGEMENT. IN KUWAIT, SER/H ASSISTED ON A REIMBURSABLE BASIS IN THE PLANNING, ORGANIZATION, AND OPERATION OF THE NATIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY (NHA). SERVICES TO THE NHA INCLUDED AN ORGANIZATIONAL PLAN, OBJECTIVES, STAFFING PATTERN AND JOB DESCRIPTIONS, PRELIMINARY PROJECT DESIGN, AND PROCEDURES FOR PRESELECTING A & E FIRMS AND BUILDING CONTRACTORS, ISSUING REQUESTS FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
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PROPOSALS, AND EVALUATING THE PROPOSALS. THESE SERVICES WERE PROVIDED WITHIN FOUR MONTHS OF INITIAL NHA REQUEST. U.S. PERSONNEL UNDER CONTRACT TO SER/H ARE NOW FILLING KEY NHA STAFF POSITIONS AND STUDYING APPLICABILITY OF ALTERNATIVE BUILDING SYSTEMS FOR KUWAIT.

(B) HUD'S OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS PROVIDES FEASIBILITY STUDIES AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR DEVELOPING AND ADMINISTERING GOVERNMENT-SUPPORTED HOUSING PROGRAMS. DRAWING ON EXPERTISE FROM OTHER ELEMENTS OF HUD WHICH CARRY OUT USG PROGRAMS TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL, FISCAL, AND ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT FOR BOTH PRIVATE AND PUBLIC HOUSING, IT IS ABLE TO ASSESS AND PROPOSE SOLUTIONS FOR

THE INSTITUTIONAL PROBLEMS OF A GOVERNMENT-SUPPORTED HOUSING PROGRAM. IT ALSO ACTS AS AN INFORMATION SOURCE FOR THE U.S. CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY ON OVERSEAS HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS. HUD CHAIRS THE WORKING GROUP ON HOUSING OF THE U.S.-IRAN JOINT COMMISSION WHICH IS WORKING IN U.S. PRIVATE INDUSTRY TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL

ADVISING SERVICES TO THE IRANIAN HOUSING ORGANIZATION ON BUILDING SYSTEMS, MAJOR PROJECT PLANNING, PROJECT MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES, AND PRICING AND FINANCING METHODS.

(C) THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BUILDING MANUFACTURERS (NABM) REPRESENTS U.S. MANUFACTURERS OF COMPLETE STRUCTURES (I.E. PANEL SYSTEMS, COMBINED CORE AND PANEL SYSTEMS, SECTIONALIZED SYSTEMS, MODULAR SYSTEMS), MANUFACTURERS OF COMPONENTS (ROOF, TRUSSES, FLOOR PANELS, ETC) MANUFACTURERS AND SUPPLIERS OF MATERIALS, PRODUCTS OR SERVICES USED BY THE MANUFACTURERS OF STRUCTURES AND COMPONENTS, AND OTHER RELATED FIRMS. ITS MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES 90 BUILDING MANUFACTURERS, 50 MATERIAL SUPPLIERS, AND 24 ASSOCIATE MEMBERS. T.R. ARNOLD AND ASSOCIATES IS AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER WHICH ACTS AS A TECHNICAL CONSULTANT TO THE MANUFACTURED SECTOR INDUSTRY.

(D) THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF HOME BUILDERS (NAHB) REPRESENTS CONSTRUCTORS OF ALL SIZES IN THE HOUSING FIELD. ITS MEMBERSHIP IS 60,000. THE NATIONAL CORPORATION FOR HOUSING PARTNERSHIP (NCHP) IS A MEMBER OF NAHB. NCHP WAS INCORPORATED IN PURSUANCE OF THE 1968 HOUSING ACT AS A FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION IN 1970. IT HAS 270 CORPORATE STOCKHOLDERS WHICH ELECT 12 OF 15 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DIRECTORS. THE OTHER 3 DIRECTORS ARE APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE U.S. NCHP IS THE GENERAL PARTNER OF THE NATIONAL HOUSING PARTNERSHIP, THROUGH WHICH IT ENTERS INTO PARTNERSHIP WITH LOCAL BUILDERS, DEVELOPERS, OR NON-PROFIT AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS FOR LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING PROJECTS. BY THE END OF 1974, IT HAD PROVIDED FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF 22,000 UNITS. NCHP'S STAFF PROVIDES MARKET ANALYSIS, SITE EVALUATION, AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON

ARCHITECTURAL PLANS AND CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS.

4. PRIVATE INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES WILL PAY OWN EXPENSES AND USG PERSONNEL WILL TRAVEL AT USG EXPENSE.

5. REQUEST POST CABLE COMMENTS ON ITINERARY AND TEAM COMPOSITION ASAP. INGERSOLL

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